



MILWAUKEE COUNTY SHERIFF



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2012 Awards Ceremony



Thursday, September 27th, 2012



The Grand Salon
The Intercontinental Milwaukee
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Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Program

Welcome	Inspector Edward H. Bailey, Adjutant to Sheriff Clarke Ms. Fran McLaughlin, Public Information Officer
Presentation of the Colors and The National Anthem of the United States	Honor Guard of the Sheriff's Office Ms. Rhonda Begos, Vocalist
Invocation	Minister Robert Pyles Pastor, Abundant Faith Church of Integrity The Church of God in Christ
Welcoming Remarks	David A. Clarke Jr., Sheriff of Milwaukee County

Lunch is Served
Video Programming Courtesy of the MCSO Community Policing Unit
The Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office—Consistent Excellence
Music Provided by Mr. Marcus Adams, Soloist

Keynote Speaker	Ms. Patty Flowers Regional Chief Executive Officer American Red Cross
Presentation of Awards Letters of Commendation Community Service Awards Awards of Excellence The Medal of Valor The Medal of Honor	David A. Clarke Jr., Sheriff of Milwaukee County Richard R. Schmidt, Inspector of the Sheriff's Office
Benediction	Minister Robert Pyles
Retirement of the Colors	Honor Guard of the Sheriff's Office
Conclusion	Ms. Fran McLaughlin, Public Information Officer



A Message from David A. Clarke Jr.
64th Sheriff of
Milwaukee County



David A. Clarke Jr.
Sheriff

County of Milwaukee
Office of the Sheriff

September 27, 2012

On behalf of the over 1200 members of the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office, I thank you for helping us celebrate our 2012 award recipients. This event, which honors not only our members but also hardworking citizens who have assisted Milwaukee regional law enforcement, celebrates those who have faithfully and honorably served God by serving others.

Today, you will hear stories of those who have set their own personal safety aside in rendering lifesaving service to others. You will hear of those who charitably gave of their time and talent to help the less advantaged of our community. You will hear of those who approached their duties in so steadfast a manner as to bring great credit upon themselves and the profession of law enforcement. Especially poignant to our membership, today brings with it an opportunity to recognize the ultimate sacrifice that can be made in our profession, in the heroic efforts of our late Deputy Sheriff Sergio Aleman. This afternoon we honor not only Sergio's bravery in executing his final daring arrest, but his subsequent laying down of his life in the performance of his sacred duties.

As always, I would like to offer a special thanks to our corporate benefactors whose generosity in helping to underwrite today's event makes our celebration possible: WaterStone Bank, The Milwaukee Bucks, The Hilton Milwaukee City Center, The Milwaukee Chop House, The Intercontinental Milwaukee, The Marcus Hotels and Resorts and The House of Harley Davidson, Milwaukee. Their willingness to join us in acknowledging the heroes among us is a powerful statement of their ongoing commitment to the standard of living in our community. They value shared efforts between the corporate world and government, and understand that being "community friendly" is a responsibility, not just a slogan.

We join and celebrate the actions of those who have had an exceptional impact on our community. In doing so, we acknowledge and embrace our own abilities to continue down their path in the months and years ahead.

Sincerely,



David A. Clarke Jr., Sheriff
Milwaukee County

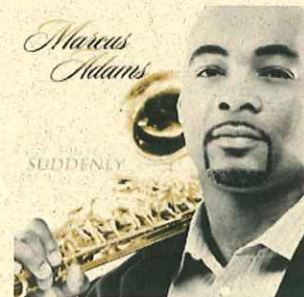
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Keynote Speaker:
Ms. Patty Flowers
Regional Chief Executive Officer
American Red Cross



**American
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Ms. Patty Flowers is the Regional Chief Executive Officer for the American Red Cross serving Eastern Wisconsin. This region serves 28 counties helping people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. The Red Cross in Eastern Wisconsin was begun in 1916 and for all these years has been *the* premier emergency response agency. They partner with the military to provide humanitarian aid and are congressionally mandated to provide emergency communications to military members around the world. The Red Cross also supplies blood to approximately 45% of the hospitals within the United States and teaches Preparedness and Health & Safety through classes in CPR, AED use, First Aid, Babysitting, Lifeguarding, and many other public health disciplines. The American Red Cross is only able to do all of this with the help of **thousands of volunteers**.

Ms. Flowers Career Highlights

A teacher by training, Ms. Flowers taught K-8 in schools across the country early in her career, leaving the classroom to begin raising a family. Later recruited by United Healthcare, Ms. Flowers was responsible for all communications with health care providers and consolidated three departments together to provide stellar one-stop customer service with a staff of 44. Recruited to Children's Hospital and Health System Foundation, Ms. Flowers began her career in the non-profit world leading the Annual Giving staff and building her own Major Gifts portfolio. After eight years of fundraising for the hospital as Vice President of their foundation, she briefly relocated to New York State. Upon returning to Milwaukee, Ms. Flowers was asked to consult for four non-profits, serving as the Interim Executive Director for the Next Door Foundation. Since April 2010, the American Red Cross has been her mission and it's one that fits very well with her greatest passion: helping others.

Ms. Flowers Volunteer Highlights

- Crossed Threads, assisting women in rural northeast India to sell their woven goods and build the health and education of their families.
- Rotary Club of Downtown Milwaukee
- Cedarburg School Board
- Woman's Club of Wisconsin Board
- Greater Cedarburg Community Foundation

Award Recipients

Letter Of Commendation

Sept. 15, 2011

Correctional Officer Janell Davis, a 4-year officer with the Detention Services Bureau's County Correctional Facility's South Division, has been on our radar twice over the past year: a good way to start off a career in correctional work! At last year's event she was honored for diligence in inspecting incoming inmate mail, resulting in a seizure of Heroin and an arrest for Delivery of a Controlled Substance. But Officer Davis's skills are not limited to maintaining an alert watchful eye to prevent contraband. She is equally attentive to patrolling her areas of responsibility. On September 15, 2011, Officer Davis's "routine" patrol of the general population female housing unit at the County Correctional Facility—South Division, showed exactly what Sheriff Clarke has been preaching for over a decade: There are no "routines" in law enforcement. In "going the distance" to thoroughly examine all of the areas under her care, CO Davis discovered a 27-year old inmate, serving a 45-day sentence on multiple counts of Retail Theft, who had collapsed and lay unconscious in a shower stall. CO Davis immediately initiated a medical response, which quickly arrived and addressed the cardiac and chemical distress issues that had triggered a massive seizure in the inmate. The MCSO is proud to present **Correctional Officer Janell Davis** with a Letter of Commendation, her second such citation.

Nominated by: Inspector Edward Bailey

Letter Of Commendation

Dec. 29, 2011

While patrolling a snowy holiday morning, shortly before 2 AM on Interstate 794 near downtown, **Patrol Division Deputy Sheriff Larrel Lirette**, a 15-year veteran, wasn't focusing on the gifts that he had received for Christmas: He was focusing on the stretch of roadway that has been dubbed "Death Valley" during the time then drunks are most likely to threaten the lives of our citizens. As he approached James Lovell, Deputy Lirette saw his worst fears realized: a Wrong-way drunk coming westbound in the eastbound lanes of the freeway, directly in front of him. With only seconds to react, and showing a remarkable commitment to preventing the wrong-way drunk from continuing her deadly travel, Deputy Lirette chose a selfless act: He illuminated his emergency lights and positioned his squad car directly in the path of the wrong-way drunk, blocking her path. Thankfully, the drunk responded to Deputy Lirette's actions, slowing her car and performing a U-turn on the expressway and pulling to the side. The 27-year old driver, who admitted that she had gotten on the freeway at Lincoln Memorial Drive traveling the wrong way for a quarter of a mile, registered a .17 PAC. She was arrested for OWI 1st Offense and 2nd Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety. There are no textbook "right" answers for a driver confronted with what lay before Deputy Lirette. But for setting a selfless standard worthy of emulation, the MCSO is proud to present Deputy Sheriff Larrel Lirette with a Letter of Commendation.

Nominated by: Sergeant Aaron Dobson

Award Recipients

Letters Of Commendation

Aug. 16, 2012

Dispatchers Peg Lamping, a three-year member, Dennis Collins, a three-year member who has since retired, and Daniel Dockerty, a 19-year veteran of the Communication Division, each know the rigors of working in a 9-1-1 Call Center: The phones never stop ringing, and each call can mean life or death for the caller. On a summer afternoon, Dispatcher Lamping fielded a cellular call from a young man at a county park in Whitefish Bay who told her two dangerous and tragic truths: He had a shotgun, and he was going to use it to kill himself. While Lamping tried valiantly to engage the young man in dialogue, he hung up the phone. Meanwhile, Dispatcher Collins, while attentively hearing the conversation between the distraught youth and Dispatcher Lamping, immediately contacted the Whitefish Bay PD and gave them all the information that was known. While Dispatchers Lamping and Collins coordinated with the local PD, the disturbed young man called back, landing in the capable hands of Dispatcher Dockerty. In convincing the young man to lay the shotgun on the ground and back away from it, Dispatcher Dockerty may very well have saved his life: With police officers arriving at that very moment, all three Dispatchers could listen in as the officers took the young man into custody, safely and without loss of **any** life. Aside from his criminal conduct, the young man was able to receive the mental health treatment that he so clearly required. As Whitefish Bay Police Chief Ron Stefanski later observed: "Oftentimes the quality work of a dispatcher is overlooked when reviewing an incident. In this potentially deadly incident, the services provided by your dispatchers merits recognition; for as we both know, it could have turned out very differently." Indeed. The MCSD is proud to present Dispatchers Peg Lamping, Dennis Collins and Daniel Dockerty with Letters of Commendation.

Nominated by:

Lieutenant Donald Kernan

Letter Of Commendation

Feb. 19th, 2012

On a Freezing winter morning, Patrol Division squads responded to a call for a pedestrian walking on the Hoan Bridge. Upon arriving and seeing a silver Toyota parked at "The Arches" the deputy's worst fears were confirmed when the first squad saw the unthinkable: a 22-year old man, climbing over the railing from the freeway proper out onto the outer ledge, grasping the cables for support. As Deputies arrived and tried to engage the youth in dialogue, all they could muster were threats that if anyone approached he would jump; and that the reason was to be found in his car. There Deputies found his suicidal statements. Over the next half hour, while the bridge was closed to all traffic and resources were positioned underneath, the call went out to **Deputy Sheriff Steven J. Schmitt, a 24-year veteran and Crisis Negotiator.** Upon his arrival, Deputy Schmitt approached the man, and like a scene in a movie softly opened with this: "My name's Schmitt, and I'm jus here to help. Everything's calm with the people in the back. What brings us out here today?" Thirteen minutes later the man climbed to safety, and was later reunited with his parents at the Behavioral Health Division. Between 2001 and 2010, sixteen people have jumped to their death from the Hoan Bridge. This young man now joins the two others that have been talked down. In Deputy Schmitt's own words, "I'm just one small part of a team trained to shepherd people away from the edge...but it helps to have the gift of gab." We agree. The MCSD is proud to present Crisis Negotiator Steven Schmitt with a Letter of Commendation.

Nominated by:

Sergeant Steven Vasquez

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Letter Of Commendation

Nov. 19th, 2011

Deputy Sheriff Joel Streicher, a 16-year veteran, and his **K9 partner, Rico**, of the **Patrol Division**, interrupted their late-morning tour of southern Milwaukee County to aid the St. Francis Police Department in a critical scene in their community: A robbery of the Associated Bank in the 3700 block of South Kinnickinnic Avenue. Arriving at the scene, the pair met a St. Francis Police Officer, and were given the description of a suspect: 6 feet tall; thin; and wearing a brown coat and dark baseball hat. With that scant information, and nothing more than a starting point, Rico and Streicher began the search. Tracking west through bushes, and doubling back south towards Howard Avenue, the pair continued on for 1/2 mile, finally running along the railroad tracks. When Deputy Streicher observed a subject matching the general description walking along the track, he called for the man to stop. Instead, he bolted. Streicher released his partner, calling for the man to halt, or face Rico's brand of arrest. When the man, upon looking back and seeing Rico bearing down on him, suddenly threw up his hands in defeat Deputy Streicher showed the true level of Rico's training by performing one of the hardest tasks a K9 team can perform: calling a dog off of an active bite scenario upon the subject's surrender *without* the dog biting. Rico complied, skidding to a stop 10-yards from the suspect. A post arrest search recovered the stolen loot, and an 8-year sentence awaited the criminal. Sadly, this past summer saw the sudden passing of K9 Rico, to illness. For the last decade, whether entertaining children at a "CSI-Milwaukee" demonstration; maintaining a perimeter at a high risk SWAT location; or doing his favorite job of expressway drug interdiction, K-9 Rico has faithfully worked as one of our longest serving animal partners. In his memory, the MCSO is proud to present Deputy Sheriff Joel Streicher with a Letter of Commendation.

Nominated by:

Captain Thomas Meverden

Letters Of Commendation

March 2, 2012

There is no more deadly beat for a cop to patrol than the side of an Interstate highway. In the pitch black of a winter morning, that environment becomes even more unforgiving. At 2AM, while clearing the scene of a 1-car crash into the protective wall at I-894 and Cleveland, **Deputy Sheriff Robert Nazario, an 18-year veteran** and **Andrew Wendt, an 11-year member** of the **Patrol Division**, both positioned their squads out of traffic behind the crashed vehicle, where they could safely handle the scene and extinguish a small fire that had erupted. Suddenly, in a circumstance that all patrol cops must handle sooner or later, a second car, a black Saturn, spun out and came to rest against the wall, adjacent to their position. The driver of the Saturn, unhurt but scared, jumped out of her vehicle and began crossing all 3 lanes of the freeway to reach the Deputies. In an instant, crisis loomed: a third car, a Jeep Cherokee, also spun out and slid, at freeway speed, toward the group. Deputy Nazario, seeing the tragedy coming, screamed to alert his partner of the approaching danger. Deputy Wendt, looking up, grabbed the driver of the Saturn and threw her, and himself, across the barrier wall, followed by Deputy Nazario. A second later, the Jeep smashed into the spot that they had just occupied. As the girl's father later wrote, "I have no doubt, based on my daughter's report, that you saved her life that morning. For that, you will always have my family's eternal thanks." The MCSO is proud to present Deputy Sheriffs Robert Nazario and Andrew Wendt with Letters of Commendation.

Nominated by:

Captain Thomas Meverden

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January 22nd, 2012

All cops must pass basic training, and certification, in "old school" cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) the life-saving breath and chest compression protocol that can prolong a subject's life until the true medical professionals arrive. Most go their entire careers without ever needing to test that proficiency. On a January morning, **Deputy Sheriff Derek Rheume, an 18-year veteran**, would be so tested. While on a **Patrol Division** traffic stop on I-94, Deputy Rheume alertly heard Dispatch advise of a car in the ditch just south of his location, at Ryan Road. Kicking his traffic offender (every motorist's dream) Deputy Rheume was on-scene 4 minutes later. There, he came upon a 48-year old male resident of Elgin, Illinois, behind the wheel of a Chevy Tahoe; but, unconscious, with heavily labored and shallow breathing. Every time Deputy Rheume attempted to establish a pulse for the subject his breathing would halt, stopping and starting with no rhythm. Sensing the urgency, and with no citizens able to assist him, Deputy Rheume brought his training to bear and began CPR. He continued until the arrival of the Oak Creek Fire Department, when he was relieved by the paramedics. The subject, in the throws of violent cardiac arrest, survived this critical incident. However, his road to recovery remains challenged. But for giving him his first tenuous steps along that road, and for showing that all the technology in the world can't replace a motivated, committed cop with basic lifesaving skills and a won't quit attitude, Sheriff Clarke is proud to present Deputy Sheriff Derek Rheume with a Commitment to Excellence Award.

Nominated by:

Inspector Edward Bailey

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Commendation

June 11, 2012

Often, to a cop, the Milwaukee County Courthouse seems a serene beat to patrol. Members of the MCSO **Courts Division** know that the complex is a small city unto itself, with all the issues that any community faces. With that mindset, **Deputy Sheriff Kay Hamelin, a 17-year veteran**, was prepared when, without warning, a noted 60-year old Criminal Defense Attorney and Lecturer at the University of Wisconsin Law School collapsed at the defense table, suffering a massive heart attack. Calling for help, Deputy Hamelin rushed to the attorney's side, where she was soon joined by **Deputy Sheriff John Schroeder, a 15-year veteran**. Together, recognizing that the attorney was not breathing and had no pulse, these officers began the lifesaving efforts of CPR. But the MCSO works in a team fashion, and they were soon joined at the scene by **Deputy Sheriffs Alex Martinez, a 13-year member**, and **Scott Urbaniak, a 13-year member**, who assisted with controlling the courtroom so that the deputies could focus their efforts. In a controlled environment like the courthouse, technology can be the decisive factor between life and death. **Deputy Sheriff Frederick Gayle, a 15-year veteran**, came to the scene armed with the best that medicine has to offer: an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) which was applied to the victim and used to shock his heart back into activity. With the arrival of the paramedics of the Milwaukee Fire Department 10 minutes later, the deputies were able to turn the care of the Attorney over to them, and subsequently to the medical staff at Columbia St. Mary's Hospital where he was admitted into Cardio-Intensive Care. For their immediate life-saving efforts, Sheriff Clarke is proud to present Deputy Sheriffs Kay Hamelin and John Schroeder with a Commitment to Excellence Award; and for their vital support, the MCSO presents Deputies Alex Martinez, Scott Urbaniak and Frederick Gayle with Letters of Commendation.

Nominated by:

Sgt. Thomas Liebenthal

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Community Service Award

2012

When the Mounted Unit of the MCSO goes on duty, the public sees the magnificent horses; the polished partnership between man and animal; and the hundreds of hours of training that allow a safe tactical deployment of a police asset that can weigh in excess of 1400 pounds. They also see the many years of hard work of **Robert and Judy Grove**, and the **Grove Farm**. The Groves have been instrumental in the long-term success of this prestigious unit. They ensure that deployed horses have grain in their stalls and hay awaiting their return each shift, so that the horses are immediately ready for re-deployment if needed. They gladly tolerate the unit's extreme hours, including pickups and drop-offs after midnight. In extreme circumstances, they have provided meals for the horses "on the go" if the unit is deployed for extended hours. Judy Grove, the owner of one of the horses used by the unit, has invested her considerable talents in training unit horses and providing equipment when needed by special circumstances. The Groves have been consistently gracious, accommodating and generous to the needs of the Mounted Unit, having a direct impact on the unit's operational capacity and mission readiness. For all of their efforts, and their unceasing recognition that law enforcement doesn't always keep regular hours, begin and end according to schedule, or go particularly smoothly, the MCSO is proud to present the Groves with the Community Service Award.

Nominated by:

Deputy Sheriffs Joann Donner and Daniel Schlueter

Community Service Award

2012

Cory Brennan, a University of Wisconsin-Parkside student whose mother had died, leaving the 20-year-old alone, afraid, and with the responsibilities of her funeral, had been set to graduate in December with a degree in criminal justice. But with his mother's tragic passing the common financial burdens of a typical college student overwhelmed Brennan with expenses he couldn't afford. Brennan has been an active member of the Kenosha County Sheriff Department's Explorer program, a group of young adults who seek careers in public safety. When a KCSO Deputy, one of the Explorers advisers, heard what happened he immediately reached out to the Explorer community, and Cory's story reached the **MCSO Explorer Unit**. With **Explorers Johnathan Barry, Peter Rich, Tyler Travis, William Schwartz, Ana Salas and Luke Courtier** leading the way, Sheriff Clarke, sheriff's deputies and other colleagues committed to raising the funds that Brennan did not expect, but badly needed: A check for \$1,042 to help pay off debts his mother still needed to settle. When presented with the funds, Cory said it all: "I'm not even a police officer. I'm not a deputy sheriff. I'm not sworn in, but to be in the same league as them, to be recognized by them, it's overwhelming." With his studies at UW Parkside behind him, Cory is headed to a career in the Army, where he hopes to become an Army Ranger. For showing wisdom beyond their years, in giving their time and energies to assist a young man whom they had never met, but whose plight touched their collective sense of compassion, the MCSO is proud to present the 2012 Explorer Unit with a Community Service Award.

Nominated by:

Captain Leslie Wachowiak

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The Fellowship Open, a local fundraising effort that has been providing groups serving the underprivileged with needed funds since 2001, seeks to work and support organizations which are having a meaningful and demonstrable difference on the lives of the youngsters in the City of Milwaukee. In The activities that the Fellowship Open have supported have affected literally thousands of adolescents and teens in Milwaukee in all aspects of their development, including the arts, technology, job skills and job readiness. In addition to providing agencies with needed funds, the Fellowship Open also leads young men and ladies to their "doors of opportunity" through a series of mentoring programs. Young people and business and civic leaders meet and discuss the possibilities for their bright and exciting futures, inspiring those youngsters with living examples and realistic hopes of what they can achieve. In 2012, the Fellowship Open committee reviewed the efforts of the MCSD, and finding our signature program "Shop With a Cop" worthy of their financial support, awarded the MCSD one of 8 pledges of financial support from this year's fundraising efforts. Accepting today's Community Service Award, on behalf of the Fellowship Open, is **Attorney John Daniels**, chairman of Quarles & Brady and Chairman of The Fellowship Open Honorary Committee. Educated at North Central College, The University of Wisconsin, and Harvard Law School, Mr. Daniels is a real-world example to all Milwaukee youth of both the power of education, and the realization of one's potential. In being named one of the "50 Most Influential Minority Lawyers in America" by the National Law Journal, and receiving the 2008 James Howard Baker Award for his efforts to improve the quality of life for African-Americans in Milwaukee, he is also the embodiment of commitment to the betterment of one's fellow man.

Nominated by: Sheriff David A. Clarke, Jr.

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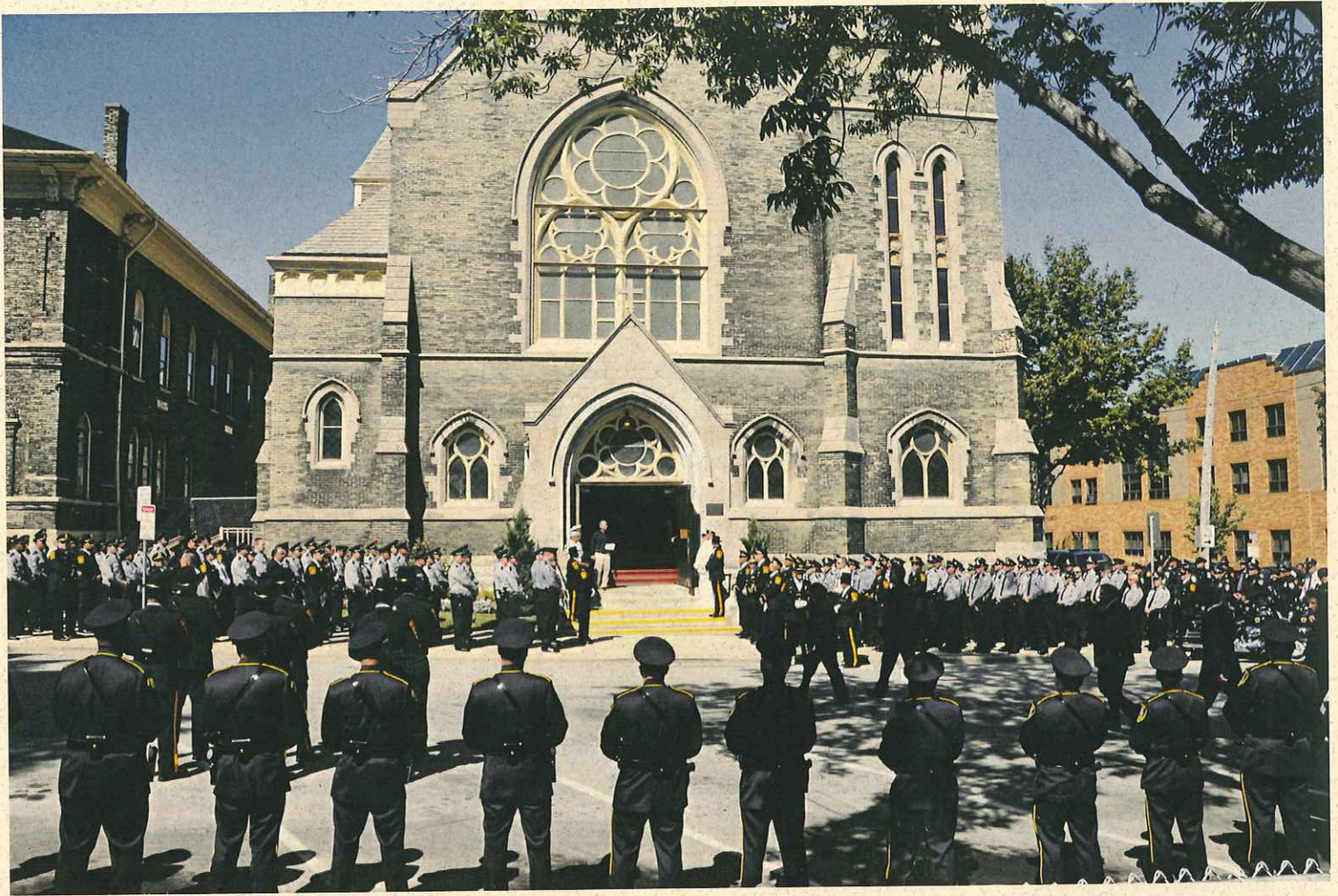
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June 23rd, 2012

Stanley Kass decided to start a vending machine business due to his love of one thing: *convenience*. Stan met the love of his life, Lee, at Pelican Camp in northern Wisconsin. They returned to Milwaukee after Stan's naval service and started Skylark Automatic Vending in 1950. Stan and Lee were married for 56 years; Sadly, his founding partner and beloved wife passed away in 2010, at the age of 76. It was the Kass's dream to operate their business as a family affair. This dream was realized and lives on still as Stan continues to provide quality vending services with his oldest son, Michael. Skylark provides traditional snacks as well as healthy vending services to the Milwaukee area. Their products promote healthy eating in your office, school or business by providing a vending machine option for employees and the public alike. But a success in business is only part of the story: This summer, Stan Kass happened upon a demonstration being held in Menominee Falls by the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office K9 Unit. Engaging the K9 handlers in conversation, Mr. Kass inquired what the current needs of the agency were, and about the general readiness and condition of the MCSD K9s. Upon hearing that two of the MCSD K9s had recently passed, Mr. Kass stated that he would like to do his part to help the unit: He removed his checkbook, and wrote the unit an extremely generous check to fully offset the costs of a new Police Patrol Dog. Many achieve their dreams in business, and in love. For his most generous acknowledgement that one who does so must still find a way to give back to the greater good, the MCSD is proud to present Mr. Stan Kass, and Skylark Automatic Vending, with a Community Service Award.

Nominated by: Captain Jose Hernandez



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July, 2012

On July 13, 2012, **Deputy Sheriff Sergio Aleman**, an **18-year veteran** whose prior career had seen him honored with three Meritorious Commendations and a 2010 Exchange Club Award for his pursuit and apprehension of an Armed Robbery and Fleeing subject from the CVS pharmacy at Brown Deer and Port Washington Roads, was where he loved to be: Behind the wheel of an MCSO Squad, patrolling his town. Unbeknownst to Deputy Aleman, a serial bank robber who had come to be known as the "Ball Cap Bandit" was also doing something he loved: Robbing a bank in Germantown. It was something that Michael Scott had done at least ten times before, making off with more than \$28,000 for his efforts. But on that day, the very different paths of the two men intersected. An 11:30 am broadcast for a "vehicle wanted for a robbery of the US Bank in Germantown" was all Deputy Aleman needed to hear. Upon learning that the vehicle was last seen on US41 heading towards Milwaukee, Sergio moved to US41. Upon hearing that the vehicle was on I-43, he shifted to I-43. So it is not surprising that when the vehicle was reported by MPD in the area of 4th and Becher Deputy Aleman was 2 blocks away, concealed amongst concrete pillars and keeping watch. He spotted the car at 6th Street, in a gas station. When the driver saw Deputy Aleman's squad, he looked to run; Deputy Aleman entered the lot, trailed by a responding MPD squad car. Together, seamlessly and without hesitation, the officers from two different agencies took the crew down at gunpoint, ending a three-month manhunt for the elusive bank robber. Scott has confessed to his crimes; Federal prosecutors are preparing their case after issuing a 10-count indictment -- something authorities say would not have been possible without Deputy Aleman's actions. Instead of preparing for his next heist, the "Ball Cap Bandit" now faces more than 200 years in prison if convicted on all counts. As Washington County Sheriff Dale Schmidt noted: "I understand that a fluid, multi-jurisdictional incident such as this can be confusing and dangerous. Law Enforcement officers on the street take the brunt of these difficulties and are acting on blind faith in their peers from other agencies. Deputy Aleman's willingness to get involved and arrest multiple suspects is admirable; More importantly, it was one of the final important pieces needed to end a string of crimes." Tragically, less than three short weeks later, the citizens of Milwaukee County lost one of their finest. On July 31st, at 12:17 pm, Deputy Sheriff Sergio Aleman, who proudly carried Badge #163 for the Milwaukee County Sheriff's office since June of 1994, was killed in the line of duty in a heartrending traffic crash on our expressway system. In his death, the grief of his wife, children, parents, siblings, extended family, friends and the deputies of the MCSO is profound. In the hours after Deputy Sheriff Aleman's death, Sheriff Clarke captured the feelings of all Highway cops: "The life of a freeway patrolman is one of great danger. The Expressway system is a deadly and unforgiving beat for a cop to patrol." A resident of Oak Creek, Deputy Aleman leave behind a devastated wife, Jenna, and 5 children. Our agency has lost a partner and a beloved friend. And the citizens of this county have lost a lifelong citizen, and a tremendous Deputy Sheriff. But as is always the case in the life of a cop, the partners of Deputy Aleman must mourn their loss and find the strength to go back out and patrol the community that Sergio loved so much. For his July 2012 arrest of a serial bank robber whose string of crimes had gone unchecked for three months, the MCSO is proud to present Jenna Aleman with a Medal of Valor, in posthumous recognition of her late husband's bravery. For the July 2012 sacrifice of his life in the performance of his sacred duties, the MCSO is proud to present Jenna Aleman with The Medal of Honor, in posthumous recognition of her late husband's commitment to his fellow man.

MCSO Honor Guard

Deputy Sheriff Scott Krueger, Commanding
Deputy Sheriff Anthony Kraus
Deputy Sheriff Pamela Terrell

Sergeant Fred Gladney
Deputy Sheriff Candace Landry
Correctional Officer Joe McClellan



*"Better is the little of the righteous
Than the abundance of the many wicked;
Depart from evil, and do good;
So shall you abide forever;
for the Lord loves justice."*

Psalm 34:16 / 27-28